

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6462  
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002  
VVIPS PROGRAMMES ON DOORDARSHAN  
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the Ministers and Members of Parliament from Rajasthan who were invited in various programmes of DD-I and Metro Channel during the last one year;
- (b) whether permission from Central Government has to be sought to invite a Minister or Member of Parliament on DD-I and Metro Channel;
- (c) if so, the criteria fixed to invite the VVIPs for programmes of DD-I and Metro Channel;
- (d) whether the norms fixed have been adhered to by the officials; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that following MPs and Ministers from Rajasthan were invited for Doordarshan programmes during the last one year:

National Network

1. Shri Jaswant Singh, Minister of External Affairs, Govt. of India

2. Shri L.M. Singhvi, MP

3. Shri K. Natwar Singh, MP

4. Shri Ram Das Agarwal, former MP

DDK, Jaipur (Regional Service)

1. Shri Ram Das Agarwal, former MP

2. Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargav, MP

3. Dr. Chanderbhan, Minister for Power and Energy

4. Shri Shanti Dhariwal, Minister for Local Self Government and Town Planning

5. Shri Rajendra Choudhury, Minister for Health

6. Shri C.P. Joshi, Minister for Education

7. Shri Abdul Aziz, Minister for State Statistical Department

8. Shri B.D. Kala, Minister for Labour

9. Smt. Zakia, Minister for Women & Child Development

10. Shri Ram Singh Bishnoi, Minister for Public Health Department.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): VVIPs are invited for programmes of DD-I and Metro Channel as per programme requirements and availability of the VVIPs.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.